Miss Annie Joseph *(Trichur-Women)*: I have asked for information the number of legislations to which Sign Manual has neither been granted nor refused. I want to know the exact position of this bill.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: Sign Manual has neither been granted nor refused to this. That is the position.

Miss Annie Joseph *(Trichur-Women)*: Has there been any instance of a bill for which Sign Manual has been refused ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: There have been.

SALARIES TO M.L.Cs.

19. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are the Government aware that salaries are paid to M.L.Cs. in the Madras Province and the Sister State of Travancore;

(*b*) has not a Bill been passed by this Council allowing pay to Members of the Counell;

(*c*) when was this passed;

(*d*) has the Bill been acted upon;

(*e*) if not acted upon, why ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 21st November 1940 (6th Vrischigam 1116).

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The Bill has not been assented to.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether ours is the cheapest Legislative Council the world over ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: I should plead ignorance on that point. I cannot definitely say that it is the cheapest or it is not the cheapest.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether the provision of the Legislative sub-head of the General Administration is comparatively very low with other sub-heads under General Administration?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: The Hon'ble Members are given the figures to know that. I do not know what percentage it will come to.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: For 1118 the amount is only Rs. 12,511.

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member has the information which is asking for. I would ask him to confine his question to those to which seek for information which is not in his possession.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I make one enquiry, Sir ?

Mr. President: No, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I seek enquiry for the benefit of the public namely whether the figure in the revised estimate for Legislative Council....

Mr. President: Order, order. I have already asked the Hon'ble Member to confine his question to those facts which are not available to him.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I have not put the question, Sir. I have only started the question.

Mr. President: Order, order. Does the Hon'ble Member intend to defy the Chair?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Certainly not. I have not put the question. If the whole question is understood then this inference will not follow.

Mr. President: I must ask the Hon'ble Member to put questions only for the purpose of eliciting information which is not available to him.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know what is the delay in not giving effect to the Bill passed more than 3 years ago?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The answer is quite clear. Sign Manual has not been given. It is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What are the difficulties that stand in the way?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: That is certainly confined to His Highness' dceision and that is a matter which cannot be discussed in this Council at all.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, when it was submitted to His Highness.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* On 20th December 1940.

Mr. P Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to expedite the disposal of this question.

Mr President: Order, order.

SPECIAL STAFF IN THE SECRETARIAT FOR INSPECTING SUBORDINATE OFFICES

20. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. എൻ ഇട്ടിരവിനമ്പൂതിരി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഗവ മ്മേണ്ട് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

വകുപ്പധ്യക്ഷന്മാരുടെ ആപ്പീസുകൾ ഹജൂരാഫിസ്സിൽനിന്നും പരിശോധന നടത്തുന്നതിനായി പ്രത്യേകം ഒരു സ്റ്റാഫ് ഉണ്ടോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: ഇല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. എൻ. ഇട്ടിരവി നമ്പൂതിരി: ഇങ്ങിനെയൊന്നു വേണ്ടതാണെന്നുള്ള വല്ല അഭിപ്രായവും ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിനുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: വേണമെന്നു തോന്നീട്ടില്ല. ഇതേവരെ അതായ ഡപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടുകളിലുള്ളവർ പരിശോധിച്ചാൽ മതിയെന്ന രീതിതന്നെ തുടരാനാണ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നത്.

SAILORS', SOLDIERS' AND AIRMEN'S BOARD

21. Miss Annie Joseph *(Trichur-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many members are there in the Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board;

(*b*) is there any member of the Legislative Council on the Board ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) 20.

(*b*) Yes. one.

Miss. Annie Joseph *(Trichur-Women):* Who is the Legislative Council Member on the Board.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretry to Government):* Mr. K. T. Achyuthan.

BUREAU OF EDUCATION

22. Miss Annie Joseph *(Trichur-Momen):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount of grant sanctioned to the Bureau of Education ;

(*b*) whether there is a constitution for this Bureau;

(*c*) is the constitution sanctioned by the Government ;

(*d*) whether any general body meeting of the Bureau has been held so far ;

(*e*) the names of President and Secretary ;

(*f*) the number of students who attended the summer class held this year ;

(*g*) the number of teachers engaged for the class?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* (*a*) Rs. 600 annual.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No. Rules do not contemplate an annual general body meeting.

(*e*) Chairman.—The Director of Public Instruction—Ex-officio.
Organising Secretary.—Mr. S. A. Ramakrishna Ayyar.
Literary Secretary.—Mr. A. Karunakara Menon.

(*f*) Twenty.

(*g*) Eleven.

Miss. Annie Joseph *(Trichur-Women):* What are the aims and ideals of this Bureau of education.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The aims and ideals of this Bureau are referred to in extense on page 22 of the Administration Report of last year. If I take your leave, Sir. I have no objection to read it. It may take only 10 minutes.

Miss. Annie Joseph *(Trichur-Women):* For how many days the class was conducted?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* For 10 days.

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